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EXAMINER: Cheukfan Lee

SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF ARTIFACTS IN A SCANNING DEVICE

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This preliminary amendment is filed for the enclosed continuation application. The Applicant's respectfully request amendment of the continuation application as shown in the following. No new matter has been added to this continuation application.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification by insertion of the following paragraph after the title.

## CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation of co-pending application number 09/395,262 filed on September 14, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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